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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 10, 2004, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Reply:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

No fees are believed to be necessary regarding the filing of this amendment. Should a fee be required by the Patent Office, please charge or credit our deposit account No. 22-0261 accordingly and notify the undersigned.